

I'm writing to request that the FCC not require mandatory crippling of consumer electronics, computers, and software. In particular, I object to the so called "broadcast flag mandate." When regulation mandates features such as the broadcast flag which I and most other end-users consider to be misfeatures, the public at large suffers with unnecessarily complex and expensive equipment. I want my TV, video recorder, computer, and other electronics which I buy with my own hard earned money to work according to my preference, not the large players in the content industry. As a matter of good public policy, the FCC must not require broadcast flag related misfeatures in manufactured equipment. As an FCC licensed radio amateur, I also ask the the FCC not require me to include such misfeatures in equipment I might build for myself. In fact, the complexity of implementing such misfeatures as well as the potentially difficult patent, licensing, and trade-secret issues involved would largely preclude me from building my own receivers. Such regulation is unwarranted and will only serve to harm the public good.